

REMARKS

Thorough examination of the application is sincerely appreciated.

Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for indicating that claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-28, 30-32 and 40 are allowed.

According to the Office Action, claims 33-39 were objected to for minor informalities, not affecting any substantive issues.

In response, Applicant sincerely thanks the examiner for his helpful observations in the Office Action. To conclude the prosecution of the application and without conceding any statements or waiving any arguments in the Office Action, Applicants' claims are amended, as suggested by the examiner in the Office Action. Withdrawal of the objections is, therefore, respectfully requested.

It is believed that all formal matters have been addressed per Quayle action. Since the prosecution on the merits is closed, the case is ready to be passed to allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's correspondence and advance the prosecution of this case. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason this application is not considered to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No.

14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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